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December 22, 2016

VIA E-MAIL

The Honorable Karen Williams Weaver
Mayor of Flint
1101 South Saginaw Street
Flint, Michigan 48502

Dear Mayor Weaver:

The recent federal enactment of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act and the 2017 Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act provide a potential for \$100 million of support to the city of Flint (City). The legislation requires that the funds be administered using the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) framework. The federal action is an important step in providing assistance to the City to address infrastructure needs. As indicated in the December 21, 2016, letter from Acting Regional Administrator Robert A. Kaplan, United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 5, the next step in the process is for the City to apply to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for the funds. The application will serve as the basis for the State's supplemental intended use plan submission to the USEPA.

The WIIN Act discussions at the December 21, 2016, meeting among the USEPA, State, County, and City were encouraging. The next step agreed to at the meeting was for the City to provide a prioritized list of projects for inclusion in the DWSRF project plan. As indicated in the USEPA's December 21 letter, the City's submission should include the following:

- Project description
- Explanation of how the project will address the declared emergency
- Estimated cost
- Construction start date

The MDEQ is committed to assisting throughout the DWSRF process. Ms. Kelly Green, Unit Chief, Revolving Loan Section, Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance, MDEQ, will serve as the MDEQ's main point-of-contact on the supplemental use plan. I encourage your staff to reach out to her directly as the project plan is being developed to assure all legislative requirements are being met. Ms. Green can be reached at 517-284-5409; greenk1@michigan.gov; or MDEQ, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741.

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I look forward to the next meeting among the USEPA, State, County, and City scheduled for January 6, 2017, and our continual partnership to meet the infrastructure needs of Flint. Please let me know if you have any questions before then.

Sincerely,



Keith Creagh

Director

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